



# Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Victim Services Newsletter

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**HAVE A GREAT  
FOURTH OF JULY !**

## Crime Victim Services

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*The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Crime Victim Services Unit is to effectively administer VOCA Assistance funds by ensuring appropriate and accessible services are available to crime victims, enhancing the delivery of those services through technical assistance, training opportunities, and promoting a continuum of care for every victim in every community.*



## Arizona Supreme Court's Victim Notification System

The Arizona Supreme Court offers a free, automated service that allows victims of crimes in Maricopa County to receive email notification of events and changes in their Superior Court criminal case. While this won't replace the required statutory notification to victims provided by the prosecutor's office, victims can receive updates in the case automatically and usually within 24 hours of any change.

Once registered a victim will be able to receive notification of changes to any or all of the following: charges, involved parties, attorney's filings, hearings, minute entries and final disposition. For more information on how to access this system visit:

[www.supreme.state.az.us/publicaccess/notification](http://www.supreme.state.az.us/publicaccess/notification).

This link can also be found on the [azvictims.org](http://azvictims.org) website under Criminal Justice links.

## Fiscal Year 06/07 DPS VOCA Award Process

DPS Crime Victim Services' Evaluation team reviewed applications totaling \$11,385,088 in funding requests for Fiscal Year

2006/2007. DPS Director Roger Vanderpool approved funding for 101 one-year projects totaling \$8,200,939. Contract packets were mailed to subrecipients the first week of June for all approved projects which begin July 1, 2006.

## 05/06 Expiring Contracts

The end of the fiscal year can be hectic, but it is important to submit your monthly financial reports on time so your grant can be closed. Agencies not spending all their allotted VOCA funds must submit an agreement amendment request before submitting the final June financial report.

Quarterly Program reports for 05/06 expiring contracts for the period April through June 2006, along with the Annual Narrative Report are due by July 31, 2006. All reports are accessible and must be submitted via the Web-Based Automated Grants System (WAGS). If you need assistance or have any questions regarding closure of your 05/06 Expiring Contracts, contact your VOCA grant coordinator.

## 2006 Annual Crime Victim Assistance Survey

The Annual Crime Victim Assistance Survey time is here once again! The 2006 survey will assist CVS in determining gaps in service throughout the

state. We depend on you, our subrecipients, to provide feedback so we can effectively and efficiently utilize VOCA funds throughout Arizona. The on-line survey may be accessed through a link located on the Main menu of the FY 05/06 agreements expiring June 30, 2006. Please complete and submit a survey for each of your FY 05/06 agreements by July 31, 2006.

## CVS Staff Update



Mary Stark has been with the Crime Victim Services Unit since April 2006 as the grant coordinator responsible for monitoring approximately thirty grants. She is familiar with both ends of the grant process (both the grantee to grantor). Her 18 year career with the Department of Public Safety consists of four years as secretary at the Governor's Office of Highway Safety responsible for preparing and processing highway safety agreements with funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Five years as Administrative Assistant in the Applicant Clearance Card

Team processing criminal background checks on applicants working as teachers, daycare and elderly care providers. She was a secretary and budget coordinator tracking four appropriated funds and thirty grants for nine plus years with the Scientific Analysis Bureau. Mary looks forward to learning the VOCA program and working with Directors and staff of the victim services programs sponsored by VOCA.

### Arizona Events Calendar

**Sep-9,**  
National Preparedness Day  
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Target Store parking lot at  
Power and McKellips in East  
Mesa

This outdoor event will feature numerous static displays, emergency response vehicles, and many organizations that are involved with emergency preparedness and response, and homeland security. Learn how to prepare a 72-hour kit, where you can go in the event of an evacuation, how to tend to your pets during a disaster, how you can volunteer to help during a disaster, and what local agencies are doing to prepare for a large scale emergency. See military, fire and police vehicles and speak to experts in the field of national security. Meet your local police and fire personnel and learn from demonstrators how to fill sandbags and how to use a fire extinguisher. For more information contact:

Lindy Marino  
(480) 644-3921 or  
Linda Bailey  
(480) 644-2073

### New Domestic Violence Support Group

The John F. Long Family Services Center is pleased to announce support groups for victims of domestic violence in the Maryvale area. The groups will be facilitated by the New Life Center staff. Spanish sessions will be held every Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. English sessions will be held every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. For more information contact:

Angela Ramirez,  
Outreach Coordinator  
(623) 932-4404 x 27.

### National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference



**Jul 9-12,**

The 12th National Conference on Domestic Violence will be held at the OMNI Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) conference theme this year *"Organizing for Collective Power"* has selected over 100 workshops to include Advocacy, Batterers, Child Custody and Parenting, Children, Youth and Teens, Economic Justice, Immigration, Media and Communications, Restorative Justice, Stalking, Substance Abuse, and Domestic Violence in the Workplace are just few of the many workshops being offered.

The NCADV conference will also offer 100 scholarships and selections will be made

first-come, first-serve only to women who self-identify as battered and formerly battered women and are in financial need are eligible to apply. For complete details regarding the conference contact:

Gretchen Shaw,  
Conference Coordinator  
(303) 839-1852 x 107  
[gshaw@ncadv.org](mailto:gshaw@ncadv.org)  
or [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

### Physicians and Plastic Surgeons Helping Victims/Survivors of Domestic Violence

Various medical programs provide support for victims of severe physical abuse by providing them with consultation and surgery options. Oftentimes, healing the physical signs of abuse can help the healing process. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) administers each of the following programs starting with the initial screening of applicants to determine eligibility requirements. Once an applicant passes the initial screening, a referral is made to a local domestic violence shelter to set up an appointment with a counselor. The counselor then verifies that the injuries were sustained from an abusive relationship and ensures that the participant is receiving the proper counseling to overcome emotional scars. Each program requires applicants to be out of the abusive relationship for at least one year. To find out more about how these programs can help rebuild the lives of victims of domestic violence in your area, please call NCADV at:

(303) 839-1852 or visit:  
[www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

### Face-To-Face: The National Domestic Violence Project

Is a project of the Educational and Research Foundation for the Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS). The AAFPRS is the first surgical group to provide facial, neck and head reconstructive and plastic surgery to repair injuries of domestic violence individuals caused by an intimate partner or spouse. For more information, please call:  
1 (800) 842-4546.

### Give Back A Smile



A program of the National Humanitarian Project of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) and the AACD Charitable Foundation. Survivors of domestic violence who have suffered injuries to their front teeth and/or supporting structures of the front teeth can receive complimentary construction and cosmetic and reconstructive dental care. For more information, please call:

1 (800) 773-GBAS (4227).

### Skin Care Outreach Empowers Survivors (S.C.O.R.E.S)

Provides volunteers from their membership that offer dermatologic surgery to domestic violence survivors to repair skin injuries (scars, burns, tattoos) on the body caused by an intimate partner or spouse. For more information, please call:  
1 (888) 892-6702.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

The city of Mesa hosted the annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Planning meeting in preparation for October 2006 events. The group discussed dates for the Domestic Violence Awareness Day, the Domestic Violence roundup that Law Enforcement organize and participate in to show their support for Domestic Violence causes and suspect accountability, along with the Governor's Proclamation which is tentatively scheduled for October 4th. The confirmation of the Governor's Proclamation will be announced later.

The theme "Prevention through Education" will remain the same as last year. Several of the activities discussed include Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) and using planned activities.

Mesa Police Department will be putting on a Softball Tournament October 28, 2006 involving teams comprised of Police, Fire, County and City Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys, and a local retirement community active in raising money for the Mesa community.

Mesa Police Department also discussed and presented its Teen Dating Violence Curriculum. The curriculum was successfully piloted at a local Junior High School. Mesa encourages anyone that already teaches or is preparing to teach about Dating Violence in the schools to review this program. If you would like a copy contact:

Andrea Sierra  
(480) 644-4675

[andreasierra@cityofmesa.org](mailto:andreasierra@cityofmesa.org)

Domestic Violence Awareness merchandise items are available for purchase again this year through the Mesa Police Department. Orders must be placed by August 1, 2006. Merchandise will be ready for pick up by mid September or sooner. These items include the Dating Violence video, mugs, pins, car magnets, shirts (option of colors available) and bracelets. If you were unable to attend the meeting or did not receive notification and would like to communicate your agency's activities or fund raising events, receive information or place an order, please e-mail Detective Coy Johnston at:

(480) 644-4909

[cov.johnston@cityofmesa.org](mailto:cov.johnston@cityofmesa.org)

## 32nd Annual North American Victim Assistance Conference



### Aug 20-25,

The annual North American Victim Assistance Conference (NOVA) will held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida. This years theme "The Voyage Continues" conference will offer Advanced Roundtable discussions, Kindred Spirit meetings, Caucus meetings, Plenary Sessions and workshops staged at various levels.

The *Neuf Voyage* offers foundational basic workshops for entry-level advocates with at least 2 years of victim-oriented education and ex-

perience.

The *Intermediaire Voyage* are skills-builder workshops for advocates with 2 to 8 years of victim-oriented education and experience.

The *Avance Voyage* are complex and challenging workshops for higher level of experienced advocates with more than 8 years of victim-oriented education and experience.

If you would like more information regarding the conference events or additional information visit:

[www.trynova.org](http://www.trynova.org)

## Free Domestic Violence Training

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services collaborated with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and developed a national Domestic Violence Curriculum. Statewide representatives from law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutor's office, probation officers and health care will facilitate these interactive training sessions. The Arizona Regional Community Policing Institute is offering free domestic violence classes and welcomes requests for trainings.

Domestic Violence is a community issue, and law enforcement needs your help. Through education, Arizona communities will be able to respond and form partnerships to reduce Domestic Violence. These are just some of the courses:

[All in the Family: Connecting Animal Cruelty and Family Violence](#) This 4 hr course

will discuss humane education, why children abuse animals, and how perpetrators use animals as part of their power and control.

[Community Policing to Reduce Domestic Violence](#)

This 2 hr course is designed to explore and implement strategies that reduce domestic violence through community partnerships and problem solving.

[Community Policing to Reduce Domestic Violence in Tribal Communities](#) A 2 hr course will address unique challenges of domestic violence in tribal communities.

[Dynamics of Domestic Violence](#) This 2 hr class provides participants with an understanding of factors contributing to domestic violence and the skills to identify types of physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

[Full Faith and Credit](#) A 1 hr course intended to enhance victim safety and prevent future violence through enforcement of protection orders. The Full Faith and Credit clause of the Violence Against Women Act enhances the ability to enforce protection orders through partnerships, education and collaboration.

If you would like more information or to schedule any of these free training sessions in your community please contact:

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We always welcome input for articles in our quarterly newsletter. Forward ideas to your grant coordinator.